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James Ware
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;
Stanford 1972 JD
Began Service: 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

Judicial: Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

Legal Practice: Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977);
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Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

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Sandra Brown Armstrong
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD
Began Service: June 21, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent
States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

Government: Police Officer, Police Department, City of Oakland,
California (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District
Attorney, County of Alameda, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant,
Criminal Justice, California State Assembly (1979-1980); Deputy District
Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Alameda, California
(1980-1982); Prosecutor, Public Integrity Section, United States
Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer
Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole
Commission, United States Department of Justice (1986-1989)

Judicial: Judge, Superior Court of California (1989-1991)

Legal Practice: Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance
Co. (1969-1970)

Current Memberships: Alameda County Bar Association; American
Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar
Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women
Judges; National Bar Association; National Council of Negro Women, Inc.;
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Ronald M. Whyte
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD
Began Service: 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County
(1989-1992)

Legal Practice: Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Attorney,
Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc. (1971-1989)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Inns of
Court; Northern California Chapter, Association of Business Trial Lawyers;
California Judges Association; Federal Judges Association; San Francisco
Bay Area Intellectual Property Inn of Court; Santa Clara County Bar
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Claudia A. Wilken
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;
Boalt Hall 1975 JD
Began Service: December 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New
College School of Law (1980-1985)

Government: Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972);
Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern
District of California (1983-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

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Maxine M. Chesney
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: UC Berkeley 1964 BA; Boalt Hall 1967 JD
Began Service: May 24, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant Chief Deputy, Office of the District Attorney, State
of California (1976-1979)

Judicial: Judge, San Francisco County Municipal Court (1979-1983);
Judge, California Superior Court (1983-1994)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Federal Circuit Bar
Association; Federal Judges Association; Queens Bench Bar Association;
United States Association of Constitutional Law; Ninth Judicial Circuit
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Susan Illston
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Duke 1970 BA; Stanford 1973 JD
Began Service: June 2, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Associate, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1973-1976); Partner,
Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1977-1995)

Current Memberships: American Association of Justice; American Bar
Foundation, American Bar Association; Litigation Section, American Bar
Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial
Lawyers; Association of Business Trial Lawyers; Consumer Attorneys of
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Charles R. Breyer
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Harvard 1963 AB; Boalt Hall 1966 LLB
Began Service: January 1, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Affiliation: Member, Chambers of Member Charles R. Breyer, Judicial
Conference of the United States

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Oliver J. Carter, United States
District Court for the Northern District of California (1966-1967)

Government: Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's
Office, State of California (1967-1973); Assistant Special Prosecutor,
Watergate Special Prosecution Force, United States Department of Justice,
Richard M. Nixon Administration (1973-1974); Chief Assistant District
Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, City and County of San
Francisco (1979-1980)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Juvenile Hall Project, Legal Aid Society of San
Francisco (1967); Jacobs, Sills & Coblenz (now Coblenz, Patch, Duffy &
Bass) (1974-1975); Partner, Jacobs, Sills & Coblenz (now Coblenz,
Patch, Duffy & Bass) (1975-1979); Coblenz, Cahen, McCabe & Breyer
(now Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass) (1980-1997)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1966-1972)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; San Francisco Bar
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